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provided the maximum area of each space is less than 28 square meters (300 square feet) and the maximum dimension (length, breadth, or depth) of each space is less than 6 meters (20 feet).

(m) Alternative means of escape from spaces may be provided if acceptable to the cognizant OCMI.

§ 127.250 Ventilation for enclosed spaces.

- (a) Each enclosed space within the vessel must be properly vented or ventilated. Means must be provided for closing each vent and ventilator.
- (b) Means must be provided for stopping each fan in a ventilation system serving machinery and cargo spaces and for closing, in case of fire, each doorway, ventilator, and annular space around funnels and other openings into such spaces.

§ 127.260 Ventilation for accommodations.

- (a) Each accommodation space must be adequately ventilated in a manner suitable for the purpose of the space.
- (b) Each vessel of 100 or more gross tons must be provided with a mechanical ventilation system unless the cognizant OCMI is satisfied that a natural system, such as opening windows, portholes, or doors, will accomplish adequate ventilation in ordinary weather.

§ 127.270 Location of accommodations and pilothouse.

- (a) Neither quarters for crew members or offshore workers nor the pilothouse may be located forward of the collision bulkhead required by §174.190 of this chapter.
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, no part of any deck with accommodations for crew members or offshore workers may be below the deepest load waterline.
- (c) Any deck with accommodations for crew members or offshore workers may be below the deepest load waterline if—
- (1) The vessel complies with the damage-stability requirements in §174.205 of this chapter; and
- (2) The deck head of the space is not below the deepest load waterline.

- (d) No hawse pipe or chain pipe may pass through accommodations for crew members or offshore workers.
- (e) There must be no direct access, except through solid, close-fitted doors or hatches, between accommodations and chain lockers, cargo spaces, or machinery spaces.
- (f) No sounding tubes, or vents from fuel-oil or cargo-oil tanks may open into accommodations for crew members or offshore workers, except that sounding tubes may open into passageways.
- (g) No access openings from fuel-oil or cargo-oil tanks may open into quarters for crew members or offshore workers.
- (h) Quarters for crew members must be separate from and independent of those for offshore workers unless the cognizant OCMI approves an alternative arrangement.

§ 127.280 Construction and arrangement of quarters for crew members and accommodations for offshore workers.

- (a) The following requirements apply to quarters for crew members on each vessel of 100 or more gross tons:
- (1) Quarters for crew members must be divided into staterooms none of which berths more than four members.
- (2) Each stateroom for use by crew members must—
- (i) Have clear headroom of at least 1.9 meters (6 feet, 3 inches); and
- (ii) Contain at least 2.8 square meters (30 square feet) of deck and at least 6 cubic meters (210 cubic feet) of space for each member accommodated. The presence in a stateroom of equipment for use by the occupants does not diminish the area or volume of the room.
- (3) There must be at least one toilet, one washbasin, and one shower or bathtub for every eight or fewer crew members who do not occupy a stateroom to which a private or a semiprivate facility is attached.
- (b) The following requirements apply to accommodations for offshore workers on each vessel of 100 or more gross tons:
- (1) Each offshore worker aboard must be provided with adequate fixed seating. The width of each seat should be at least 460 millimeters (18 inches). The